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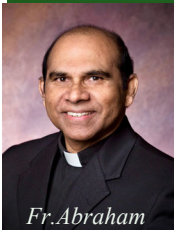


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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 26, 2021



Fr. Abraham

Synod: Parish Consultation with Small Groups

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Come Holy Spirit, make our ears to hear” is the first line of our Archdiocesan Pre-Synod Prayer. The past couple of Sunday scriptural readings were also about the importance of hearing. The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear. (Isa 50:5) was the first line we heard two weeks (24th Sunday) ago from the Prophet Isaiah. In the first reading, (23rd Sunday) taken from Isaiah, we heard the prophecy that when the Lord comes, the ears of the deaf will be cleared. (Isa 35: 5), and that prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus performed a miracle: making the deaf man hear. (Mark 7: 34-35). God still wants to open our ears to listen his voice. We know that listening to the Lord’s voice is not easy.

Synod is an ancient word meaning “journeying together.” We are all in the midst of journeying together in a three-year Synod process, which will help our shepherd, Archbishop Hebda, move our Archdiocese forward. When announcing the Synod, Archbishop Hebda reminded us of Pope Francis’ term, “The Listening Church.” The Synod process, for our parish and for our Archdiocese, is about listening to one another and listening to the Holy Spirit.

This fall, Archbishop Hebda has asked every parish to take six weeks to do just that, through a process called the Parish Consultation with Small Groups. For six weeks, at parishes across the Archdiocese, Catholics will meet in small groups consider three focus areas for our Synod.

- Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus’ love and respond to his call;
- Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization; and
- Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

In Synod Small Groups, you will pray and hear the Church’s wisdom on these focus areas, then discuss your ideas and experiences with one another through small groups. Then, you will have the opportunity to share written feedback on priorities for our parish and the Archdiocese.

Your experiences and feedback will help inform the next steps of the Synod process, and ultimately, help Archbishop Hebda lead our Archdiocese forward. This is an opportunity to talk about topics important to the life and mission of the parish and of the Archdiocese.

The Parish Consultation is using the format of praying, learning and discussing in small groups. It is designed so that feedback can be inspired by the Holy Spirit through prayer, as well as the experiences and perspectives shared within small groups. The process is intended to build unity through respectful listening and discussion, rather than just lobbing our own ideas out there.

It is an opportunity to know and love Jesus more. Jesus asked his disciples two fundamental questions about his identity. The first question is about the public opinion: “Who do people say that I am?” The second question is about personal opinion: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8: 27-29). Jesus asks these questions to each one of us. Who is Jesus to me personally? And who is Jesus for our community?

It is also an opportunity to connect or perhaps reconnect with your fellow parishioners and build up community. The pandemic has made it difficult to build, or even maintain, relationships, yet the relationships we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ are essential to our faith journeys. This is a wonderful opportunity to form relationships with others.

The Synod Small Groups meetings will begin on Sun, **September 26th at 9:15 am at Ascension** and on **Tuesday, September 28th 7:00 pm at St. Bernard**. There are six sessions total - one per week over six weeks.

Please see the bulletin insert on September 12, 2021 for the detailed schedule.

The Small group Process Managers and the Small group Facilitators are working hard to make the Small Groups meetings successful. I express my gratitude to them and all who work with them for the event. This bulletin column is the part of my homily on the weekend of September 11th and 12th.

I invite you all to participate in either of the sessions at whichever time works best for you.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI; Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Oct. 8 9:00an Mass at the Haven

Archdiocesan Candlelight Rosary Procession
Friday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul. Join in praying the rosary as we process from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Gather at the MN State Capitol approach at 6:30 p.m., for the procession which will begin at 7 p.m. We will conclude with Marian prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction at the Cathedral. See more information at minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.

Archdiocesan Youth Day 2021 (AYD21)
Saturday, October 16, 6-10 p.m. at Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville.
 Archdiocesan Youth Day connects our youth with our Lord, our bishops and other teens. The evening will include great music, Mass, adoration, inspiring talks, conversation with the bishops and more. Visit archspm.org/ayd21 for registration and more info.

UNITY IN CHRIST
 Jesus, in today's Gospel from Mark, says "whoever is not against us is for us." Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ. In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it's done.
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"O Mary, you are the mother of the Church, and always direct us to the source of God's love found in the sacraments. Please intercede for our Church today. Renew among the faithful a belief in Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist. Through your motherly intercession, draw the faithful back to the sacrament of Reconciliation so they may know your Son's love for them."— *Fr. Edward Looney*

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St. Bernard copy must be emailed to: bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and pquinn55322@hotmail.com
Ascension copy must be emailed to: busadmin@ascensionnya.org
All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.

Spiritual Resources! **TV:** Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45; —Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+;— Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2);—EWTN: 7:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM. **Radio:** Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m. __ EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live
Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus. The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that air the Rosary. **TV:**EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately 8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm. __ Catholic TV Network: 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nuvera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21 **Radio:** Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Rosary across America"

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Hilgers who passed away on September 15th. Her funeral was held at St. Bernard on Wed., Sept 22nd. May Helen rest in peace and may her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, with the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen Also pray for peace and comfort for Helen's family.

Adorers needed on Wednesday's at St. Bernard for an hour from 2 pm to 3 pm. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

St. Bernard's Chili feed and Cash Raffle is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 6th. Mass that day will be at 5:00pm followed by the Chili Feed.

Join a Synod small group at your parish this fall!
 Help Archbishop Hebda determine priorities for our local church

Pray.
Learn.
Discuss.
Respond.

archspm.org/synod

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am at Ascension starting on Sept. 26th or Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at St. Bernard starting on Sept. 28th. Register for the parish of your choice at <https://tinyurl.com/427p2hf6>. Registrations are not required but are requested for planning purposes.

Three Reasons to Join a Synod Small Group
 Parishes across the Archdiocese will be offering Synod Small Groups this fall - many starting this week! Still not sure about participating? Here are three reasons to join in at your parish, or a parish near you.
Reason #1: Talk about what matters. Archbishop Hebda has identified three focus areas for the Synod, all of which address areas critical to the life and mission of the Church. In the Synod Small Groups, you'll exchange ideas and share experiences on these engaging topics, all while drawing upon the Holy Spirit for guidance.
Reason #2: Meet fellow parishioners and build community, as you discuss 12 specific topics under these three focus areas. Topics include personally encountering Jesus, sharing the Gospel in word and deed, helping parents as primary educators, and helping the young encounter Jesus.
Reason #3: Be a part of the process that will shape the future of our Archdiocese. Join together with parishioners from parishes across this Archdiocese, and give feedback on priorities that will inform the Synod process and ultimately, Archbishop Hebda's Pastoral Letter.

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 2-October 3, 2021

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Rita Fahey	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Volunteer	Jack Lano	Dan Worm
Reader	Jake Kooiman	Darlene Mondor	Greg Wickenhauser
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Meuwissen	Irene Yaeck	Sarah Foley
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Justin Buckentin & Paul Lano	Bob Symanitz & Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer	Leo Pouliot	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Steve Helget & Tim George Grp B: Sue & Rich Tellers	Doris Mielke Patricia Quinn

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	Sept. 27	No Mass	
Tuesday	Sept. 28 6:15 pm	Ascension	For All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Sept. 29 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Allen Storms †
Thursday	Sept. 30 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	Oct. 1 8:00 am	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	Oct. 2 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	Oct. 3 8:00 am	Ascension	Ben Vanderlinde †
Sunday	Oct. 3 10:00am	St. Bernard	Leonard Sr. † & Lorraine Hoen †



Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension
Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard
Every Wednesday
2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: By appointment.

Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon as they become engaged. They must meet with the priest twice before setting a marriage date. These two meetings need to be completed 6 months before the proposed date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm

St. Bernard: Wed: 7:30am-7:50am

Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm

at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

Communion for Homebound

Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881

St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-

56 **Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-

12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51 **Thursday:** Neh

8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;

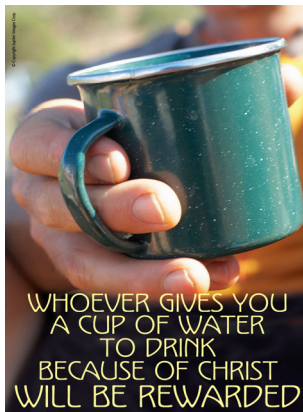
Lk 10:1-12 **Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5,

8-9; Lk 10:13-16 **Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-

29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10 **Sunday:** Gn

2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;

Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,325.50
Contributions 09-08 through 09-14-21	3,134.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	35,544.10
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	2,177.75
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	125.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	125.00
Forward in Faith YTD	5,578.34
Peru Mission collection	749.00

Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account?

For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031, or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 9/12/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	1,682.00
E-Giving:	1,060.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	30,673.17
Actual Collection YTD:	33,251.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	2,578.23
Capital Improvement Offering:	120.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	125.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	2,270.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org

Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.